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UNITED STATES MINT ANNOUNCES STRONG RESPONSE TO THE MONEY STORY OFFER BY ELEMENTARY TEACHERS - 21,000 Responses Received in First Month of Program -

A month after the Mint began offering The Money Story -- an educational program for elementary schools nationwide -- officials report that more than 21,000 orders for the video and curriculum guide have been received.

In the largest public awareness campaign in the history of the Mint, post cards announcing the availability of The Money Story were distributed to 440,000 fourth, fifth, and six grade teachers in elementary schools throughout the country during the first week in March. The education package to the teachers includes the 33-minute video -- The Money Story -- a curriculum guide, wall posters, transparencies and other educational items. The cost to receive the mailing is \$4.50 to cover postage and handling.

In his introductory letter to the Money Story, Director of the Mint Philip N. Diehl writes, "The Money Story will help our nation's children gain a better understanding of money: what it is, how it's made, how we use it, save it, and collect it. Our goal is to help children achieve a keener knowledge of the role money plays in their lives, and to create an interest in the collectible nature of coins and paper money."

Creation of The Money Story has been a two-year project for the Mint and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing with the assistance of an advisory panel of educators from across the country.

The video features animation, original music, features with multi-cultural youngsters and documentary segments. The curriculum guide is divided into three basic units -- the history of money, the production of money and the uses of money -- with lesson plans keyed to language arts, mathematics, history, science, social studies and art.

For teachers wanting to add to their students' knowledge of money, send your check for \$4.50 to cover postage and handling to the United States Mint, "The Money Story", 155 Hermann Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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